



# CHAPTER NEWS AND NOTES

## NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2011

### CHAPTER MEETINGS

HEAR Center, 301 E. Del Mar Blvd., Pasadena  
9:30 am to 12 pm or 1pm\* (9:30-10 am is social time; meetings start at 10 am sharp.)  
\*Meetings with guest speakers may go to 1 pm.  
**All meetings captioned and free of charge.**  
**Refreshments and coffee provided.**

### Saturday, November 19

(3rd Saturday of the month due to Thanksgiving)

#### RAP SESSION: SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS WITH HEARING LOSS

Moderated by Valerie Stern

Join us as we share coping strategies, vent, laugh and EAT! We'll rap about getting through the holidays with hearing loss, and enjoy a Thanksgiving potluck. Feel free to bring a dish to share.

SC meets after chapter meeting; all are welcome.

### December

No meeting this month, but our holiday party is set for **Saturday, December 10 at 6 pm**. Info to right.

### January 28, 2012

#### INDIVIDUAL AND CHAPTER GOALS

We'll kick off the new year with a rap session, discussing personal and chapter goals for 2012.

### February 25, 2012

#### BE HARD OF HEARING AND ASSERTIVE!

Jennifer Stuessy from GLAD will share tips on being assertive with your hearing loss while keeping a sense of humor.

#### OCTOBER MEETING RECAP

HEAR Center ([www.hearcenter.org](http://www.hearcenter.org)) audiologist Raye Ann Clayton discussed the facility's wide range of services, and covered hearing loss basics.

**WE MEET THE 4th SATURDAY EACH MONTH (except May, November and December)**

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE: [www.hla-la.org](http://www.hla-la.org) AND JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST, [hla-la@yahoogroups.com](mailto:hla-la@yahoogroups.com)**

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### HLAA Founder's Day - November 29

Rocky Stone founded HLA (previously SHHH) 32 years ago, and it has now become the nation's leading organization for people with hearing loss. If you care to make a donation in honor of this special day, go to: [www.hearingloss.org/content/make-donation-online](http://www.hearingloss.org/content/make-donation-online)

### HLA-LA Holiday Party, Saturday, December 10, 6 pm

Ram and Sharmila Krishnan are graciously hosting this year's event at their home, located at **10934 Brookfield Rd., Chatsworth 91311**. Main entrées will be provided, as well as various alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. Guests are encouraged to bring appetizers, side dishes or desserts, as well as any drinks of choice. **Please respect our hosts' wishes and refrain from dishes containing pork or beef!** We'll also have our fun-filled "White Elephant" gift exchange, so bring a gift (old or new) if you would like to participate. **RSVP is required this year!** Email Stephanie at: [stephanie.stansell@yahoo.com](mailto:stephanie.stansell@yahoo.com) with the number of guests in your party and what dish (if any) you will be bringing. **We will also be collecting donations for the homeless - canned or dry foods will be greatly appreciated!** Directions to be posted soon to the Yahoo message board.

### Assertiveness Workshop, Wednesday, December 14, 2-4 pm

Led by Jennifer Stuessy of GLAD, this workshop will teach you strategies to be more assertive with your hearing loss. RSVP by December 9 to: [jstuessy@gladinc.org](mailto:jstuessy@gladinc.org); Event location: EDD-GLAD - Norwalk (in the Sunset Room), 12715 South Pioneer Blvd. 90650 **Note: Jennifer will reprise this workshop at our February chapter meeting!**

### 2012 HLA-CA State Conference, February 17-18, Oakland, CA

"Bridging Hearing Challenges" is the theme of this year's conference, to be held at the Oakland Airport Hilton Hotel. For details, see: [www.hearinglossca.org/state-conference](http://www.hearinglossca.org/state-conference)

### 2012 HLA Convention, June 21-24, Providence, R.I.

Online registration is opening very soon. In the meantime, look for the registration form in the November/December issue of *Hearing Loss Magazine*. Register before December 31 for the early-bird discount! Find details at: [www.hearingloss.org/content/convention](http://www.hearingloss.org/content/convention)

### Recent Outreach Events

HLA-LA has recently participated in several outreach events, including the No-Limits Walkathon and Golden Future 50+ Senior Expo. Big thanks to all who volunteered! If you have ideas for future outreach opportunities, contact Keiko at: [cherry.blossoms86@hotmail.com](mailto:cherry.blossoms86@hotmail.com)

### More Open-Captioned (OC) Broadway Shows!

New SC member Georgia Fleischer has already made impressive strides as Advocacy Chair. After she requested captioning for shows at the **Pantages Theatre**, the historic venue responded with a line-up of upcoming OC performances, including *Wicked*, *Billy Elliot* and *Mamma Mia!* See the complete list of OC shows at: [www.broadwayla.org/specialneeds](http://www.broadwayla.org/specialneeds) 6233 Hollywood Blvd., L.A. 90028

The **Ahmanson Theatre** continues to offer OC shows in 2012, with *Green Day's American Idiot* (4/21), *Fela* (6/2) and *WarHorse* (7/21), all Saturdays, 2 pm. 135 N. Grand Ave, L.A. 90012 Find more info at: [www.centertheatregroup.org/tickets/content.aspx?id=14832](http://www.centertheatregroup.org/tickets/content.aspx?id=14832)

### Tip of the Month

Join HLA National to receive some great benefits, including significant discounts on various hearing aids. There's never been a better time to join. See all the benefits of membership at: [www.hearingloss.org/content/member-benefits](http://www.hearingloss.org/content/member-benefits). Plus, if five of our chapter members join HLA by March 31, HLA will award us with a free Chapter Delegate registration to 2012's National Convention in June! For more info, contact Chris at: [cgra7908@yahoo.com](mailto:cgra7908@yahoo.com)

### December and January Celebrations

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Mary Smith (12/19), Danny Tubbs (12/27), Willy Stern (1/2), Jila Haghighat (1/12), Ruth Pealer (1/12), Gail Homan (1/18), Kenny Hobson (1/24), Stephanie Stansell (1/25) and Chloe Parent (1/26)  
**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:** Dan and Mary Smith (12/26) and Jim and Pam Hogan (1/7)